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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: SENATE APPROPRIATION  
COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR BRIEFING ON SINAI  
AGREEMENT (S/S 7518692)

REF: OUR SEPTEMBER 19 MEMORANDUM (S/S 7518591)

1. MCCLELLAN IS UNABLE TO ACCEPT FRIDAY BREAKFAST. IN OUR EFFORTS TO PIN HIM DOWN TO ANOTHER DATE FOR A BREAKFAST, HE CONFIRMED THAT HE PREFERS THAT YOU TESTIFY BEFORE THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. WE POINTED OUT THAT YOUR SCHEDULE WOULD MAKE THIS IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF OCTOBER OR PROBABLY EVEN LATER. MCCLELLAN'S RESPONSE WAS THAT HE'D BE HAPPY TO WAIT, BUT HE REALLY WANTS THE SECRETARY PERSONALLY BEFORE HIS COMMITTEE. OUR EFFORTS TO INTEREST MCCLELLAN IN JOE SISCO IN YOUR STEAD WERE REJECTED.

2. IT WOULD APPEAR FROM YOUR SCHEDULE THAT THE ONLY OPENING IN THE FIRST HALF OF OCTOBER IS OCTOBER 9 AND EVEN  
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THIS WOULD FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY ON THE HEELS OF YOUR APPEARANCE BEFORE SPARKMAN AND CO. ON A GENERAL REVIEW OF FOREIGN POLICY ON OCTOBER 8. AS YOU MAY RECALL FROM OUR MEMORANDUM OF SEPTEMBER 19, ROUNDING UP CONGRESSIONAL

REQUESTS, IN OUR JUDGMENT THE MOST URGENT REQUEST WAS FROM THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE (RUSSELL LONG) ON COMMODITY AND TRADE POLICY, PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE UN SPECIAL SESSION. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE CONTROVERSIAL NATURE OF THE SINAI AGREEMENT AND AID LEVELS FOR THE MIDDLE EAST (AND THE CRITICAL ROLES OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES THEREIN), WE RECOMMEND THAT TOP PRIORITY BE GIVEN TO MCCLELLAN'S COMMITTEE.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU AUTHORIZE US TO SET AN APPEARANCE FOR YOU BEFORE THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IN OCTOBER TO DISCUSS SINAI TRUCE AND AID LEVELS FOR THE MIDDLE EAST.

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ALTERNATIVELY, THAT WE INFORM MCCLELLAN THAT YOU CANNOT TESTIFY UNTIL THE LAST WEEK OF OCTOBER AND THAT WE WORK OUT A PROPOSED DATE FOR THAT TIME FRAME.

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ALTERNATIVELY, THAT YOU AUTHORIZE US TO INFORM MCCLELLAN THAT YOU CANNOT APPEAR UNTIL THE END OF OCTOBER AND THAT WE PROMISE TO BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH THE COMMITTEE IN A FEW WEEKS.

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